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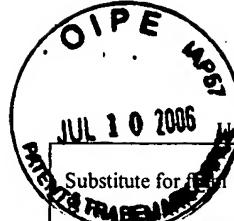
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This reference appears to disclose a buffing disc for buffing an apparatus. The buffing disc appears to have spokes 4.